

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 1, 8, and 15. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

A. Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 13, and 17

Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 13 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,700,956) in view of Katseff, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,301,258). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The Applicant's previous arguments regarding Chang and Katseff from the Response dated August 19, 2009, are incorporated by reference.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the fact that the combination of Chang and Katseff fail to teach, disclose, or suggest "audio packets which are asynchronously transferred over the local area network".

The Examiner previously read the PSTN network of Chang on the 'network' of Applicant's claims. It would be improper to read a PSTN network as described in Chang on the "local area network" as presently claimed. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 8 are patentable over the combination of Chang and Katseff.

B. Claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 14

Claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang, *et al.* in view of Katseff, *et al.* and further in view of Wilson, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,081,724). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

As argued above in Section 1.) A. of this Response, the combination of Chang and Katseff fail to teach, disclose, or suggest "audio packets which are asynchronously

transferred over the local area network". Wilson fails to cure this deficiency. As such, claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 14 are patentable over the combination of Chang, Katseff, and Wilson.

3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Cheng, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,700,956). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the fact that Chang fails to teach, disclose, or suggest "audio packets which are asynchronously transferred over the local area network".

The Examiner previously read the PSTN network of Chang on the 'network' of Applicant's claims. It would be improper to read a PSTN network as described in Chang on the "local area network" as presently claimed. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 15 is patentable over the Chang reference. Dependent claim 16 is patentable at least by virtue of depending from its respective base claim.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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